

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

**August 13, 2009  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** Amy Valentine (W5)

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 6, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending August 12, 2009 in the amount of \$266,147.59 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 6-12, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from February 25- August 10, 2009
- Receipt of all monies received in the City Clerk's Office for the month of July 2009
- Report of the Parking Violations Bureau for June 2009

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:                      None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$963,836.37 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MLD FINANCE DIRECTOR TO KELLY CLOOKEY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2009.**

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to transfer \$84,567.54 from the Fire Departments Separation Pay Fund to the Judgments & Claims-Contract Services Fund.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. Introduction of Local Law P4 of 2009; Amending City Charter §C2-3B To Change Term Limits from Eight to Nine Years.**

Introduced by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

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**D. Introduction of Local Law P5 of 2009; Amending City Charter §C4-1 Regarding Compensation of Mayor Pro Tem while Acting Mayor.**

Introduced by Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

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**E. Introduction of Local Law P6 of 2009; Amending City Charter §C4-1 To Provide For How Absences and Abstentions Shall be Counted In Voting and Voting Requirements.**

Introduced by Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

**Mayor Kasprzak** set three Public Hearings for Local Law's P4, P5, and P6 on August 27, 2009 at 5 PM, 5:15 PM, and 5:30 PM

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## 8. TRAVEL REQUESTS

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend the MEUA Annual Meeting from September 15-18, 2009 in Corning, NY at an estimated cost of \$775.00. Additionally requests that he be designated as the authorized voting representative for the City of Plattsburgh for casting a vote on transactions brought before the meeting.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## 9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

1. Request from the Community Development Office to advertise for bids for building improvements on Project Main Street #6 located at 12 Margaret Street.
2. Request from the City Chamberlain to make budget adjustments to recognize the revenue received and the expenditures made from the 2009 Fourth of July and Mayor's Cup.
3. Request from the City Chamberlain to make a budget adjustment in the General Fund that will increase both Revenue and Appropriations in total by \$2,800.00 divided between the specific funds where the costs were actually charged to cover the 2009 Mayor's Cup work performed by Public Works.

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## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Councilor Jackson** said the request for a block party from last week has been pulled because they are going to join the City Campus Coalition on their four block parties which will take place on September 5 at 70 Broad Street, 23 Draper Avenue, 122 Court Street and 147 Brinkerhoff Street. They hope this event will bring the community together and bring mutual respect. Jackson also stated that when the beach closes it's a cautionary method and that it doesn't mean the beach is polluted. The Board of Health directs us to close. The two times the City has had to close the results came back negative. Jackson said it's a presumptive negative. It's a precautionary situation that occurs but doesn't mean it's actually polluted.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said that public safety is the main concern is and the priority.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dan Rugar** said the Health Department is doing this for safety and that the City has been cooperative in taking samples immediately after the event. Rugar poses the question how many times do you have to sample to get good results to prove it's not affecting the beach? Rugar believes it's a presumptive positive until proven negative.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 PM**